

**Abstract**—The purpose of this study was to determine if there were differences in the prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders between two groups of nurses working in different units of a tertiary care hospital. The prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders was determined by means of a self-administered questionnaire among 60 nurses working in the intensive care unit (ICU) and 60 nurses working in the medical-surgical unit. The prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders was significantly higher among ICU nurses than among medical-surgical nurses ( $p < .001$ ). The prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders was also significantly higher among nurses who worked longer shifts ( $p < .001$ ) and among nurses who had been employed longer ( $p < .001$ ). The prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders was not significantly related to age, gender, or years of experience.

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